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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the 25 May Intelligence Board Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 25 May Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting.

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Attachment

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
Four-hundred-seventy-seventh Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 25 May 1967

Director of Central Intelligence
Richard Helms
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Admiral Rufus Taylor, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence
Agency
Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, Director, National Security
Agency
Mr. Howard C. Brown, Jr., Atomic Energy Commission representative
to USIB
Mr. William C. Sullivan, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative
to USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes

18 May Meeting
(USIB-M-476; including Annex
distributed through special
channels; and record of action
in USIB-D-33.16/9, limited
distribution through restricted
channels)

Approved as circulated.

2. Watch Report No. 874

Board consideration of this subject centered on several suggested changes and questions raised by the Chairman. As a result of the discussion the Board approved Watch Report No. 874 as amended subject to the inclusion of changes as agreed upon at the meeting.

3. The Chinese Cultural
Revolution

(Memorandum for USIB,
16 May)

Mr. Kent opened the discussion with a brief statement on the background of this paper, noting particularly that the Board had decided, when it approved the preparation of the paper in March, that a decision as to whether it should be issued as an NIE would not be made until the text was brought before the USIB for consideration. He said that BNE and the USIB Representatives recommended that it be issued as an NIE.

In the discussion which followed, the Board considered changes proposed by the Chairman, State, DIA and Army, and agreed upon appropriate amendments.

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In the course of this discussion General Johnson suggested that another paper be prepared on this general subject which would undertake to review the several possible outcomes of the Cultural Revolution and to provide some insight as to their impact on U. S. interests. General Johnson said that he realized that no firm predictions could be made at this time, but he thought that a "think piece" on the several possible outcomes would be useful to the planners in the government.

Mr. Helms said that he had no objection to the preparation of such a study so long as it was kept on an informal basis to start.

Mr. Kent asked if the Army could provide an outline for the paper. In reply General Johnson said that the Army had prepared a draft paper which he would make available for circulation and which he thought might provide a good starting point for the preparation of a community paper on the subject. *

The Board then:

a. Agreed that the subject memorandum should be issued as a National Intelligence Estimate. **

b. Approved the subject paper as amended.

c. Agreed that BNE and the USIB Representatives should give consideration to the paper which General Johnson had referred to above.

No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

*Subsequent to the meeting General Johnson transmitted a copy of the Army paper which was referred to BNE for circulation and discussion with the USIB Representatives.

**Following the meeting BNE advised the USIB Secretariat that the subject paper will be issued under the same title as NIE 13-7-67.

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4. Soviet Economic Problems
and Prospects
(NIE 11-5-67)

Following a brief discussion the Board approved the subject estimate as circulated.

No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

Adjournment: 1105

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

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1. Release of NIE 75/76 -67,
"Prospects in the Horn
of Africa," [REDACTED]
(USIB-D-17.8/314, 2 May)

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On 19 May 1967, all USIB members had concurred in the Board of National Estimates' recommendation regarding release of subject estimate [REDACTED]. Accordingly, copies of NIE 75/76-67 were released to those governments on 23 May 1967, subject to deletion of footnote 9, page 11.

2. Non-Release of SNIE 84-67,
"Panama," to Foreign
Governments
(USIB-D-17.8/316, 11 May)

No USIB member having requested reconsideration of the Board of National Estimates' recommendation concerning non-release of subject estimate, no further action will be taken and SNIE 84-67 will not be released to any foreign government.

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3. USIB-D-41.14/308 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Electrical Message, 20 May;
Memorandum to Holders of
USIB-D-41.14/308, 23 May;
special limited distribution
through restricted channels)

Board action on the above matter has been recorded and circulated in the reference Memorandum to Holders.

4. Reports Noted by USIB

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- a. USIB-D-41.18/145 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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b. USIB-D-41.18/144 [REDACTED]

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In the absence of a request by a member, subject reports will not be scheduled for discussion at a meeting and have been recorded as having been noted by the Board on 19 and 22 May, respectively.